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In re Application of  
Chalberg et al.  
Application No. 09/577,311  
Filed: May 23, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. CHALB-86

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed April 29, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the final Office action mailed November 7, 2002. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on February 8, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 21, 2003.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

**The Notice of Appeal filed April 29, 2004, has been entered and made of record. Accordingly, the 2-month period for filing the appeal brief, in triplicate, accompanied by the fee required by law, runs from the date of this decision.**

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$ extension of time fee submitted with the petition on was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for further processing.

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